Court and High Courts have mounted during the last ten years ;

(b) if so, what is the data of arrears in these Courts as existed five years back and at present;

(c) whether Government are contemplating any measures to reduce these arrears;

(d) whether any changes are also contemplated in the present legal system to facilitate speedy disposal of cases ;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) by when these cases are likely to be disposed of ?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) and (b) The number of cases pending in Supreme Court of India as on 31st December, 1983 and 31st December, 1988 were 136313 and 199138, respectively. Similarly information in respect of High Courts is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) and (e) The Code of Criminal Procedure (Amendment) Bill, 1988 has already been introduced in the Lok Sabha on 13-5-1988 and this will have the effect of expediting the disposal of criminal cases. Recommendations of the Committee of three Chief Justices of High Courts set up in 1984 to reduce arrears have been forwarded to the High Courts and the State Governments for appropriate action.

(f) No precise time limit can be laid down for the disposal of pending cases in these Courts.

Ceiling on expenditure incurred on Lok Sabha/State Assemblies elections

302. SHRI HARI SINGH : Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Election Commission has proposed to raise the ceiling of expenditure incurred by candidates for elections to the Lok Sabha and the State Assemblies keeping in view the rising cost of services and other considerations ;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof ; and

(c) whether Government have since examined the matter and whether any decision has been taken thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI HANS RAJ BHARDWAJ) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Credit Deposit Ratio of State Bank of Indore

303. SHRI YASHWANT SINHA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) what amount was advanced by the State Bank of Indore during the years 1985, 1986, 1987 and 1988 year-wise ;

(b) what was the credit-deposit ratio of the Bank during the above period, year-wise ;

(c) whether the ratio confirms to the all India ratio ; and

(d) if not, what are the reasons therefor ?